



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
401 CHURCH STREET  
L & C ANNEX 6TH FLOOR  
NASHVILLE TN 37243

April 2, 2012

Mr. Jeremy Barron, Site Manger  
Newshem Genetics  
62 Oakfield Rd.  
Oakfield, TN 38362

**Certified Mail #**  
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Subject: **Permit Tracking No. SOPCD0015**  
**Nichols Farms, Inc.**  
**Oakfield, Madison County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Barron:

The Division of Water Pollution Control (division) has information that Mr. Mike Nichols owns the land at 62 Oakfield Rd., Oakfield, TN 38362 in Madison County, Tennessee and that Newshem Genetics leases the six swine barns at this site. This arrangement does not have the animal waste leaving the property, but rather the land owner, Mr. Nichols, gets the animal waste from the lagoon and applies it to his adjacent land. Since Newshem Genetics does not own the animal barns or the land that they sit on, it is apparent that the land owner, Mr. Nichols, retains some operational control over the animal barns and that Newshem Genetics operates a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO). TDEC Rule 1200-04-05-.14(2) requires all operations defined as a CAFO to seek permit coverage. Based upon this arrangement, the division requests that Newshem Genetics jointly applies for a CAFO permit with Mr. Mike Nichols, the land owner.

Newshem Genetics needs to submit a CAFO State Operating Permit (SOP) Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the General State Operating Permit for Class II Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO), Permit Number SOPCD0000, by April 30, 2011. Mr. Nichols has already submitted an NOI and a nutrient management plan (NMP) which addresses the land application of the waste.

If you have questions, please contact the division at the Jackson Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Ms. Erin O'Brien at (615) 253-2245 or by E-mail at [Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov](mailto:Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vojin Janjic", is written over a horizontal line.

Vojin Janjic  
Manager, Permit Section

CC: DWPC, Permit Section  
DWPC, Jackson Environmental Field Office, Attn: [Jack.Wade@tn.gov](mailto:Jack.Wade@tn.gov)  
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